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Office of Research and DevelopmentFunction:

The Office of Research and Development is primarily responsible for conducting exploratory research responsive to CIA's needs. Particular emphasis is directed toward developing advanced technologies and/or their application in areas relevant to long-term intelligence goals. In addition, ORD provides support to other CIA components by performing supporting research but normally does not pursue development beyond the engineering feasibility testing stage. Summaries of the state-of-the-art in particular technical fields and projections of technological advancements are also made to provide a basis for program planning. The Office of Research and Development is composed of three divisions, organized along functional lines, which pursue research in the areas of data processing, analytical methodology, and across a broad spectrum of the physical sciences. The Office also maintains an Advanced Concepts Division, which assesses new concepts and technologies to aid in identifying research requirements and in establishing program priorities, and a Special Programs Staff, which manages major research programs conducted by the Office.

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Director: Dr. Philip K. Eckman, Director of the Office of Research and Development, age 47, joined CIA in March 1977 in his current position. Dr. Eckman attended Carnegie Institute of Technology from 1949-1959 where he received his B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering. In March 1959 he began work at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL), California Institute of Technology. From 1959-1967 he held positions in the Systems Analysis Division and finally was Mission Analysis/Engineering Manager for the 1969 Mariner Mars Project. During the period 1967-1968 Dr. Eckman served on the National Aeronautics and Space Council Staff, Executive Office of the President. He returned to JPL to serve as Manager of the 1973 Mariner Venus/Mercury Pre-project Team. Following that, he managed the Mission Analysis Division's support of the Viking Mars Project Office. From 1971 to 1975 Dr. Eckman managed a special project at the VISTA Laboratory of Electro Optical Systems, a Xerox Company. In 1975 he was named Deputy Manager of JPL's newly established Defense Support Program Office. From there he came to the Agency in 1977.

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